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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**OFFICE OF PETITIONS****PETITION TO EXCUSE AN ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS****(37 CFR 1.28 (c))**09/26/2008 DALLEN 00000006 10659704  
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Sir:

In reference to the above-noted patent, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that the filing fee, surcharge for late filing of declaration or oath, and issue fee were inadvertently paid at the small entity rate. Each erroneous fee payment and the deficiency is itemized as follows:

Type of Fee	Date of Payment	Amount Paid	Deficiency
Filing, Search and Examination Fees - Utility	February 3, 2004	\$385	\$645
Surcharge for late filing of declaration or oath	February 3, 2004	\$65	\$65
Issue Fee	March 29, 2005	\$700	\$740
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,450</b>

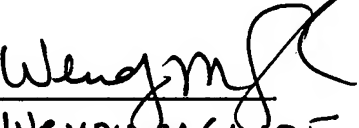
Small entity status was originally established in good faith through payment of the basic filing fee which, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 (c)(3), constitutes a written assertion of entitlement to

small entity status. Payment of the itemized fees at the small entity rate was made in good faith. However, it has been later discovered that status as a small entity was established in error.

Accordingly, a cheque in the amount of **\$1,450.00** in payment of the above-itemized fee deficiencies is enclosed and it is hereby requested that the error in small entity status be excused.

If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiency or additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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